

# 2003 Report of Accomplishments Upper Grant Conservation District

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## Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 - Summary

- Over \$122,000 provided in Irrigation Water Management Cost Share to growers within the Conservation Districts Partnership area.
  - Over 8,000 irrigated acres tested for efficiency.
  - Over 200 private wells in Grant County sampled for Nitrate levels.
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## Mission of the Upper Grant Conservation District

- *The Upper Grant Conservation District, and all of our cooperating partners, strives every day to provide quality assistance in developing a productive, self-sufficient community that is educated, innovative, and empowered to protect our natural resources and enhance our economy..*
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## Water Quality Implementation

- *With the aid of GWMA (Ground Water Management Area) funding, 62 IWM Cost Share contracts were written.*
  - *251 growers and local agencies were provided with GIS mapping services.*
  - *County Commissioners updated on District activities on a monthly basis.*
  - *IWM Workshop, Tradeshow, and Field Day*
  - *El Oro Feedlot Field Day highlighting BMP practices implemented.*
  - *Natural Resource Assessment in Sand Hollow watershed.*
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## Basic Funding

- *Conducted monthly Upper Grant CD meetings as required.*
  - *Conducted Supervisor Election as required by law.*
  - *Completed all reports in a timely manner.*
  - *Minutes/Financial reports to Field Service Manager*
  - *Minutes to monthly meetings to Washington State Conservation Commission.*
  - *Staff participated in USDA Service Center Shrub Steppe Demo Project.*
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## Local Funding

- *87 Burn Permit applications submitted to Dept. of Ecology in Spokane for approval.*
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## Professional Engineering

- *Worked within the South Yakima PE Cluster to achieve required dairy engineering needs.*
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## Dairy

- *\$42,000 provided in cost share for dairy pond construction.*
  - *Worked with Dairy Producers within the Conservation Districts Partnership area to develop approved dairy plans to work toward certification.*
  - *Dairy Certification Workshop highlighting recordkeeping requirements for producers.*
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## Irrigation Efficiencies

- *8,874 acres evaluated for Irrigation Efficiency. Reports submitted to each grower, outlining needed upgrades to improve efficiency.*
  - *22 Irrigation Systems Efficiency Training Sessions (ISETS) conducted with local growers/irrigators providing information on soil types, water capacities, and irrigation packages. Sessions conducted in both Spanish and English.*
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## Small Farm Programs

- *No projects funded at this time due to lack of funding.*

## Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Staff attends monthly Grant County Commissioners Meeting.
- Staff works with WSU Extension Service providing research assistance with 'green manure' plots.
- Coordination with Ground Water Management on Community Water Screening, Baseline Well Water Sampling, Water on Wheels, GIS, and IWM Cost Share.

## Information & Education

- 7,735 students taught through Water On Wheels Program.
- 125 students presented with Ponderosa Pine Trees at Arbor/Earth Day program at George Elementary School, George, WA.
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## Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices

